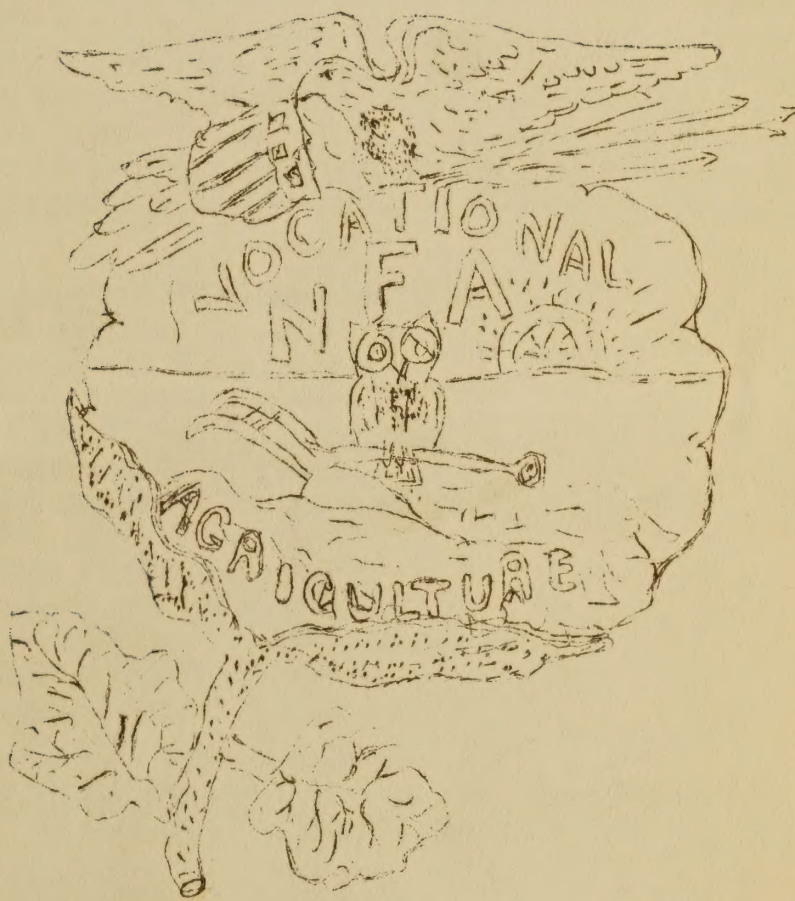
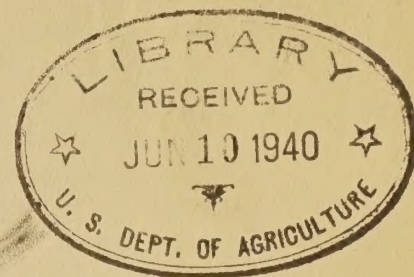


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PROCEEDINGS FIRST NATIONAL MEETING OF THE NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA



HELD AT----TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

AUGUST 4, 5, 6, and 7,-----1935

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Sunday, August 4, 1935, 8:30 P. M.

Logan Hall

OPENING SESSION

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The first National Convention of New Farmers of America was opened with a general session in Logan Hall with David Simmons, President of Alabama New Farmers of America, presiding. Invocation was given by Phelan James of the Alabama Organization. David Simmons welcomed the delegates to Alabama and Tuskegee Institute in very fitting words. Responses were given by Phillip Frederick of South Carolina chapter. Both young men gave very impressive addresses. Music for the program was given under the leadership of Elbert Pettiford of N. C. and the Va. N.F.A. Quartet.

Other major features of this first session were the addresses given by Dean W. T. B. Williams (who filled the place which was to have been taken by President F. D. Patterson), Mr. J. R. Otis, Director School of Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute, Mr. A. Floyd, Teacher-Trainer for Alabama who spoke on the purpose of meeting.

Monday, August 5, 1935, 9:00 A. M.

Chambliss Children's House

Business Session

The first business session was conducted at this hour. Professor J. R. Thomas of Virginia State College acted as advisor in setting up the temporary organization. Elbert Pettiford of N. C. was selected to preside over the meeting and Paul Greene of the same state was given the position as temporary secretary. The two boys were given these responsibilities because of the fact that they were the only sectional officers present. The next matter of business was selecting two delegates to represent the state organizations at the business sessions as follows:

State Delegates:

Alabama, Clinton Calloway and Sherman White  
 Arkansas, Maxcy Reed and John L. Polk  
 Georgia, Napoleon Cordy and Roland Hall  
 Florida, Willie Hill and Smith Counts  
 Mississippi, Howard Brazil and E. J. Houston  
 Oklahoma, Lance Barber and J. K. Diggs  
 North Carolina, Leroy McLaurin and Norwood King  
 New Jersey, V. Pitts  
 South Carolina, Philip Frederick and  
 Virginia, Joseph Johnson and E. N. Finney  
 West Virginia, Willie Wilkins and Kenneth James  
 Tennessee, Edward Taylor and Otis Harris  
 Texas, A. T. Kizzee and Waddell Thomas

The following committees were then appointed:

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Adviser, Mr. Chas McCloud, S. C. Philip L. Frederick, S. C. Waddell Thomas, Texas, Smith Counts, Florida

Publicity and National N.F.A. Day Committee: Adviser, Mr. L. C. Johnson, Alabama, David Simmons, Alabama, Valdema Pitts, New Jersey, William Kelly, Tennessee.

Program of Work Committee: Adviser, M. W. L. Carter, Virginia; Joseph Johnson, Virginia, Lance Barber, Oklahoma, J. W. Sander, Georgia, Kenneth James, W. Va.

Resolutions Committee: Adviser, Mr. L. T. Ellis, Mississippi, Edward Welch, Mississippi, J. C. Polk, Arkansas, James Nash, West Virginia

Manual Committee: Adviser, Mr. K. A. Williams, N. C. Malton Zackary, North Carolina, Otis Harris, Tennessee, Elija Campbell, Texas

Nominating National Officers Committee: Adviser, Mr. H. Smith, Arkansas, Maxcy Reed, Arkansas, Timothy Lawrence, Florida, Edward Finney, Virginia

National Medals and Reports Committee: Adviser, Mr. C. C. Cooper, Oklahoma, Alva Andrews, Oklahoma, Master Breeden, South Carolina, Julius Thomas, Alabama

Contest Committee: Adviser, Mr. Fields, Georgia, Napoleon Cordy, Georgia, Leroy McLaurin, North Carolina, Therman Taylor, Texas

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Alumni Organization Committee: Advisor, Mr. S. E. Palmer, Texas; Wardell Thomas, Texas; Howard Brazil, Mississippi; Robert E. Jones, Jr. Virginia.

Uniform Committee: Advisor, Mr. R. W. Pegram, Virginia; Theron Cralle, Virginia; Berrion Bell, Georgia; J. C. Crawford, Georgia.

Budget Committee: Advisor, Mr. A. E. Wood, Arkansas; Willie Phillips, Arkansas; John Williams, Virginia; Theodore Robinson, Florida; J. C. West, Georgia; Elbert Pettiford, North Carolina

At 10 A.M. The delegates from the following states took part in a very hotly contested elimination public speaking contest: Tennessee, Florida, Oklahoma, West Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas. The five boys making the highest number of points in both composition and delivery earned the privilege of competing for National honors in the finals which were conducted Tuesday night.

Monday, August 5, 1935, 1:30 P.M.

Washington Monument

The entire afternoon was given to visiting points of interest at Tuskegee Institute and environs. The tour beginning at the Washington Monument included visits to the School Farm, Agricultural Building, Boys Trade Buildings, U. S. Veterans Hospital. The group was given an inspiring and informative address by Colonel Ward, Director of latter institution. From this point the party was conducted to the "Self Help Project" operated for the purpose of helping farmers get re-established in the occupation of farming. The group had the satisfaction of enjoying a number of fine watermelons grown on the farm by the farmers.

Monday Night, August 5, 1935, 7:30 P.M.

Annual Banquet -----Tomkins Hall

Some 300 delegates, school officers and friends enjoyed a fine banquet given by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau. Mr. W. J. Haley of Alabama A. & M. College and David Simmons of the Alabama N.F.A. organization acted as co-toast-master. Mr. Simmons presented the Presidents of the various State organizations and Professor Haley presented the outstanding teacher of Vocational Agriculture from each of the states represented.

Tuesday August 6, 1935, 9:00 A.M.

Annual Judging Contest

All of the delegates met in the Children's Houses for the judging contest. The members of the judging teams were divided into groups of three and assigned individual numbers by Dr. H. O. Sargent. The morning was given over to judging corn, potatoes, and eggs at the Institute. The afternoon was spent in judging live-stock at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn. Results of the judging contest are given elsewhere.

Tuesday Night, August 6, 1935, 8:00 P.M.

Chambliss Children's House

Oratorical Contest

At this hour 5 N.F.A. boys who were successful in making the highest scores in the elimination contest which was held Monday competed against each other for National honors. First place in this event went to C. H. Trent, Cumberland County Training School, Cumberland, Virginia. There was a tie for second place between Charles Hill, Boliver Industrial School, Boliver, Tennessee and Clarence S. Carter, Fort Valley N and I. School, Fort Valley, Georgia. The third ranking contestant was Phillip Frederick, Orangeburg County Training School, Ellmore, South Carolina. Smith Counts of Leesburg, Florida was the fifth speaker. Professor G. W. Owens of Virginia State College presided over this program. Dr. H. O. Sargent presented Mr. J. A. Linke, Chief Agriculture Service, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. who delivered the main address at this session. Music for this occasion was furnished by the Texas N. F. A. and Virginia N. F. A. quartettes.

Wednesday, August 7, 1935, 8:00 A.M.

Chambliss Children House

Business Session

This session was called to order by the presiding officer, Elbert Pettiford and the committees were asked to retire from the room with instruction to complete their reports.



Following this brief recess the organization was re-assembled for the purpose of hearing practical addresses by Dr. H. O. Sargent, Federal Agent for Agricultural Education, Washington, D. C. Dr. Sargent told how the New Farmers of America had its beginning, a resume of the major accomplishment of the different State organizations and set up some worthy objective for the group and association to strive towards, and Dr. Geo. Washington Carver, America's outstanding scientist told the boys in a very inspiring way that what the world wanted was efficient service. He urged the farm boys to prepare themselves to give society a most useful service.

At this point the presiding officer asked the secretary to call the roll by states. The delegate responded by making the report on the achievement made in his state relatint to the N. F. A. Program. Many excellent reports were given, some of which should be made a part of these minutes. This cannot be done because of limited space. The meeting adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday, August 7, 1935, 1:30 P. M.

Chambliss Children's House

#### Business Session

Upon returning to the building the presiding officer had the secretary call for committee reports. the major recommendations brought before the group by the committee are given below: The first report called was that made by the constitution committee. Because of the many changes made in the constitution it will be rewritten.

#### Brief of the Report on Insignia

1. That emblems which are awarded with the various degrees be worn by all members. This is especially urged by those who attend State and National meetings. This practice will not only make it an easy matter to identify members, but it will also make it easy to identify the members present who have qualified for the different offices. In addition, it will aid the members in becoming acquainted with each other. Bronze pins or buttons for the Farm Hand, Silver Plated for Improved Farmer and Gold Filled was recommended for the Modern Farmer. Individual members or chapters desiring to purchase sterling silver or gold pins may do so. All purchases should be made by the teacher and orders sent in as a group. Orders will be filled C.O.D. if cash is not submitted with order. (L.G. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Massachusetts will fill all orders).

2. Bronze cups service No. B 106-12 in. will be used for the National Organization. State organization will use sterling silver cups. The committee recommended that a loving cup be given annually to the judging team making the highest team score in the contest.

3. That the first three high scoring individuals in the contest are to be given the National Judging Medal (which is round) first place gold filled. Second place, silver plated and third place, bronze. The next seven ranking teams and individuals will be given certificates for excellency in judging. Medals given in State contests are to be rectangular in shape. High scoring individuals in each class judged will be given a National Bronze Medal with the proper panel to indicate the class for which the medal has been awarded.

4th. That the organization award the Superior degree key to Dr. H. O. Sargent and Mr. S. B. Simmons at the next annual meeting.

5th. Candidates for the Superior degree or other National awards will be decided upon by the board of trustees, subject to proper request from the State association. These requests are to be accompanied by proper report on individual accomplishments.

Signed

Jake Diggs, Oklahoma

Julius Thomas, Sec. Alabama

Haston Breedon Jr. South Carolina

C. C. Cooper, Advisor, Oklahoma

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions: Mr. Chairman and Members of the National Organization of New Farmers of America.

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to make the following report:

1. We extend to Tuskegee Institute and its management our sincere thanks for their open-hearted hospitality accorded us during our sojourn at the Institute during our National Convention and Judging Contest.

2. We wish to express our gratitude also to all of those who have had a hand in or contributed in any way to making it possible for us to visit this great institution.



3. We pledge ourselves and this organization that upon our return to our homes and respective communities to disseminate the information received at this convention and contest among other chapter members in our respective communities.
4. We further pledge ourselves to exert every effort possible to promote knowledge and aims of the National Organization of New Farmers of America, and therefore make the organization a greater factor in developing boys and making efficient farmers.

Signed

John C. Polk, Arkansas  
 Jas. Nash, West Virginia  
 Alex Welch, Chairman, Mississippi  
 L. T. Ellis, Advisor

Report of Committee on Alumni Clubs: The committee felt that there are a large number of Farmer students who are qualified for this type of association, and that they could profit by affiliation with it. It was also felt that it might be best to give this matter more study with the thought of making more definite suggestions as to organizing this group at a future meeting.

Signed

Hardell Thomas, Texas  
 Howard Brazil, Mississippi  
 Robert E. Jones, Jr. Virginia  
 Prof. S. E. Palmer, Advisor, Texas

Report of the Publicity and N.F.A. Day Committee: The committee gave careful consideration to the need and value of desirable publicity. With that idea in mind the following recommendations were made:

1. That the organization put forth great effort to have at least one National Broadcast Program during the year.
2. That every state organization and associate chapter sponsor a N.F.A. Day Program on April 5th, since that date is regarded as Booker T. Washington's Birthday. The purpose of this program is to sell vocational education to the public.

Signed

David Simmons, Chairman, Alabama  
 William Kelly, Tennessee  
 Valdemar Pitts, Secretary, New Jersey  
 Prof. L. C. Johnson, Advisor, Texas

Budget Committee Report: The following budget was recommended for 1935-36

32 Superior Degree Keys - - - - -	\$224.00
Medals for Judging Contest - - - - -	30.00
Stationery for National Organization - - - - -	30.00
Stenographic help, stamps, etc - - - - -	50.00
Printing Manuals (1000 copies) - - - - -	50.00
Annual Conference Expense - - - - -	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense - - - - -	91.00
	<u>\$525.00</u>

The sub-committee made up of teachers recommended the following practice with respect to dues.

1. Minimum fee per state - - - - - 5.00
2. State with from 6 to 50 chapters will pay National fee per chapter 1.00
3. State with 51 to 75 chapters shall pay a flat rate of - - - 50.00
4. State with 76 to 125 chapters will pay - - - - - 75.00
5. State with 125 to 150 " " " - - - - - 100.00

Budget Committee

Willie Phillips, Arkansas  
 John Williams, Virginia  
 Theo. Robins n, Florida  
 J. C. West, Georgia  
 Elbert Pettiford, N. C.  
 Prof. A. E. Wood, Advisor, Arkansas

Sub-Committee

Prof. C. King, Louisiana  
 " J. R. Thomas, Virginia  
 " C. E. Dean, North Carolina  
 " P. S. Bowles, Mississippi  
 " I. S. Loece, West Virginia



### Program of Work Committee Report:

1. The National organization work to get 100 percent participation from individual members, active on the following program
2. To encourage increased membership in all branches of N.F.A. groups
3. To promote scholarship by making public at each annual meeting the names of students from the different states who have made outstanding records in all subjects. (prizes in the form of scholarships should be secured for such students who are able to have their names placed on said record for the four years they are in high school.
4. To encourage graduates and former students to retain their active membership in the organization to the limit as provided for in the constitution.
5. To have each member begin working on a modern, practical long time supervised farm practice program. The program should provide for a definite financial goal with plans for saving and investing the income from the projects. Students should be well informed on agricultural matters as related to the "New Deal". Each member and local chapter should cooperate in carrying out all Government Agricultural Adjustment Acts that are of concern to their local situation.
6. To have each local and State organization secure a charter
7. To encourage all organizations to make definite plans for observing N. F. A. Day (where practical) on April 5th.
8. To have each local chapter plan the local program so as to provide for the successful completion of the purposes of the organization as given in the constitution.

Signed

J. M. Johnson, Virginia

J. W. Sanders, Georgia

L. L. Barber, Oklahoma

K. B. James, West Virginia

Pr. F. W. L. Carter, Virginia, Advisor

Manual, Contest and Uniform Committees Reports: The above named committees read their reports and the organization ruled that they be placed on the table until such time as the officials could give more study to the recommendations and the organization become better able to carry out the recommendations.

Nominating Committee Report: In keeping with the old custom the report of nominating committee was called for last. This was done because the officers felt that this report would require much discussion and time. The candidates for president were named and asked to outline their program if elected. The following candidates ran for the office from each of the sections: Eastern, Elbert Pettiford, N. C. and Joseph Johnson, Virginia; Southern section, David Simmons, Alabama and Almot, Wardell Thomas, Texas, David Simmons was elected president. Elbert Pettiford, first-vice president, Wardell Thomas, ~~secretary~~ vice-president and Joseph Johnson, third vice president. Howard Brazil of Mississippi was elected secretary. Professor C. H. Banks of Texas was named National Advisor. Professor S. B. Simmons of North Carolina was elected executive secretary-treasurer.

Committee recommended that the board of trustees be made up with a member from each state. All National officers are automatically members of this board. State organizations not having a National officer are to name a member for this duty. The supervisor in those states which are to be provided members may select this member or leave it to the State organization to select him.

Signed

Maxcy Reed, Arkansas, Chairman

T. Lawrence, Florida

Edward Finney, Virginia

Prof. H. Smith, Arkansas, Advisor



Receipts in Connection with the National Meeting of New Farmers of America  
August 4 to 7, 1935

Texas - - - - - 8.00  
Oklahoma - - - - - 8.00  
Arkansas - - - - - 8.00  
Tennessee - - - - - 8.00  
Mississippi - - - - - 8.00  
Louisiana - - - - - 4.27  
Alabama - - - - - 8.00  
Florida - - - - - 8.00  
Georgia - - - - - 8.00  
South Carolina - - - - - 8.00  
North Carolina - - - - - 8.00  
Virginia - - - - - 8.00  
West Virginia - - - - - 8.00  
New Jersey - - - - - 5.27

Expenditure  
Clerical service and supplies - - - - - 25.00  
Transportation S. B. Simmons to  
Tuskegee and Washington - - - - - 25.00  
Medals - - - - - 45.75  
Picture of group - - - - - 3.50  
+Cut (as appeared in Norfolk paper) - 10.00  
Printing of programs - - - - - 4.00  
Receipt Book - - - - - .10

*Total \$113.35*

+August 31

By State Organization :

Total Cash *Plus* - - - - - 105.55  
Extra cash received for additional  
medals - - - - - 10.25  
Total cash received - - - - - 115.80

REPORT ON THE ESSAY AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

State	Contestants Number	Score on		Composition	Total Score	
		Delivery			Elimination	Final
		Elimination	Final		Elimination	Final
Tennessee+	1	58	40	25	83	65
Florida+	2	52	30	27	79	57
Oklahoma	3	30		25	55	
West Virginia	4	35		26	61	
South Carolina+	5	43	30	28	71	58
Texas	6	30		26	56	
Georgia+	7	48	35	30	78	65
Mississippi	8	32	did not hand in paper		32	
North Carolina	9	33		27	60	
Virginia+	10	40	50	29	69	79
Arkansas	11	27		26	53	
Alabama	Boy did not show up			26		

+ indicates states that took part in final contest. The table above gives the grades made in both elimination and final contests.

FIRST NATIONAL JUDGING CONTEST

There were twelve teams competing in the first National judging contest with one state sending a contestant to compete for individual honors. There were a total of 49 boys from 13 states in this first event. A review of the records made by these contestants will show that the boys really competed. There was a range of 44 points between the scores of the first 6 teams and a range of 61 points between the first ten ranking individuals. The boys as a whole did better in judging potatoes than they did on any of the other classes. W. Phillips of Arkansas and T. Monan of Mississippi were the only two contestants to make a perfect score. These were both made in judging hogs. Fourteen other boys came within 2 points of making a perfect score in judging the same animals.

The team from Mississippi won the beautiful bronze cup by making the highest score in the contest. This state won one of the Tuskegee Institute scholarships. The other scholarships went to the State of Georgia. The N.F.A. boys from the old State of Mississippi won six of the individual prizes with T. Monan of the state and C. Calloway from Alabama leading the boys in taking off 3 prizes each. Florida and Oklahoma 2 each, Arkansas, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina one each.



## Complete Scores National N.F.A. Contest 1935

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Team Members' ber' Corn' Rank' Potatoes' Rank' Eggs' Rank' Cows' Rank' Hogs' Rank' Poultry' Rank' Hules' Rank' Corn' Scores' Rank' Total Individual Team															Total	
Fla. Lawrence, F.	8	47	81	50	5	81	53	51	79	473						
Robinson, T.	9	85	90	45	4	70	96	75	83	545	6					
Lawrence, T.	10	75	70	87	1	94	24	40	86	540	7				1559	5
Ga. Sanders, J.W.	11	75	83	50	5	71	94	86	4	558	2					
Carter, C.	12	71	86	47		88	2	34	92	519	5				1594	2
Cordy, N.	13	51	92	33	2	81	98	68	91	515						
Flowers, S.	14	51	79	47		64	77	55	95	470						
Ala. Calloway, O.	1	85	86	42	1	85	3	86	4	580	1			1 sect		
Copeland, A.	2	42	86	27		85	3	98	1	522				3 south	1530	6
James, F.	3	70	83	45		85	3	96		422						
S.C. Benjamin, M.	28	58	83	45		83	4	98		517						
Lemox, P.	29	73	86	42		77	98	77		510						
Manning, A.	30	70	90	52	4	71	98	85	5	522					1559	5
Cave, G.	31	43	83	42		81	88	81		501						
N.C. Shiver, E.J.	24	62	94	37	1	66	98	56	4	501						
Zachary, M.	25	79	92	42	2	68	96	86	4	559				1 1 sect	1587	3
Jones, P.	26	77	83	50	5	64	75	79		525				10 northern		
Edwards, S.	27	62	92	36		94	77	49		502				3 Alternate		
Va. Urquhart, W.	40	68	83	30		47	88	71		484						
Williams, R.	41	51	94	32		85	96	62		518					1496	10
Jordan, D.	42	66	85	35		40	98	83		492						
Williams, J.	43	53	81	55		40	98	85		504				2 Alternate		
W.Va James, E.	44	55	81	57		85	96	61		474						
Nash, J.	45	83	81	40		68	92	73		517						
Henry, E.	46	73	81	35		61	86	85		515						
Wilkins, W.	47	64	81	37		66	53	85		449						
Miss. Welch, A.	15	81	90	67	2	96	1	77		583				1		
Monan, T.	16	85	92	40		53	100	70		539				8		
Plumber, L.B.	17	79	92	37	2	44	98	60		480						
Roger, W. H.	18	71	92	37		83	98	70		501						
La.																
Texas Jackson, E.	36	68	83	32		58	96	92	3	516						
Thompson, W.	32	61	88	40	5	49	98	81		491						
Campbell, E.	38	49	90	35	4	77	96	77		512						
Taylor, T.	39	77	92	37		66	98	32		474						

